GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Products made by Local Artisans
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Governments has carried out any study to identify the local artisans making creative products in different parts of the country, if so, the details and the findings thereof;

(b) whether the Government has assessed their economic condition, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set up/proposes to set up rural haats at various levels i.e.village, district and State levels to help rural artisans, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated to various States for establishing such haats during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b): No study has been carried out to identify the local artisans making creative products in the country by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts). However, Studies/Surveys have been conducted on living, working and socio-economic conditions of artisans of specific craft as in Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): During 2008-09, the Government introduced a sub-component under the erstwhile scheme of Swarnajayanti Gram SwarozgarYojana (SGSY), for setting up of rural haats at various levels. The scheme envisaged funding support for creating infrastructure for three Village level haats per District, one District level haat and one State level haat that would help rural artisans to market their products. The selection of village, district and state level haats is done by the States concerned. Government had released an amount of Rs.9483 lakhs as first instalment and Rs.4243 lakhs as second instalment for creation of Village haats and Rs.28 lakhs for creation of one District level haat at Dakshin Kannada District of Karnataka. SGSY has since been restructured as National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and direct funding of rural Haats by this Ministry has been discontinued since 2013-14. The funds allocated to various States for establishing Village haats, State/UT-wise is as in Annexure − II.